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# **MODELING AND SIMULATION OF CERAMIC ARRAYS TO IMPROVE BALLISTIC PERFORMANCE**

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# OUTLINE

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- ☐ Program Overview
- ☐ Technical Approach
- ☐ Material Properties
- ☐ Research Summary February 2013 - August 2013
- ☐ Research Summary September 2013 – March 2014
- ☐ Future Work

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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## TWO PHASE PROGRAM:

### ❑ **Grant (15 mos)**

- ❑ Develop Modeling and Simulation tools, use Depth of Penetration (DOP) as metric, 7.62 APM2
- ❑ Evaluate SiC tile on Aluminum with material properties from literature
- ❑ Develop seam designs to improve performance, demonstrate with DOP experiments (tiles from Supplier, sintered SiC)

### ❑ **Contract (2 years)**

- ❑ Establish baseline seam and corner performance based on tests with 2 ft x 2 ft panels
- ❑ Tile designs identified in grant – verify performance, provide panels for independent testing
- ❑ Use modeling and simulation tools to assess corner (triple point) performance with seam designs – modifications as needed
  - ❑ Evaluate new designs – designs must be manufacturable!
- ❑ Adapt modeling and simulation tools for lightweight backings (composite)
- ❑ Verify designs with DOP and full panel tests
- ❑ Fabricate panels with seam and corner designs and demonstrate improvements
- ❑ Provide panels to Navy for independent verification

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# TECHNICAL APPROACH

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- ❑ The University of Delaware Center for Composite Materials (UD-CCM) is developing the next generation of lightweight hybrid ceramic/composite armor kits for Marine Corps tactical and combat vehicles
- ❑ The focus is on simulating and modeling the performance of ceramic/composite lightweight armor at seams and corners, and improving the armor's performance in these regions
- ❑ The ceramic/composite armor is comprised of composite backings, adhesives, ceramics and covers
- ❑ The tiles will be restricted to the sintered ceramics (SiC) due to the ability to fabricate SiC into complex geometries and cost analysis conducted in previous research
- ❑ Model ballistic experiments will validate the modeling done in simulation



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# TECHNICAL APPROACH

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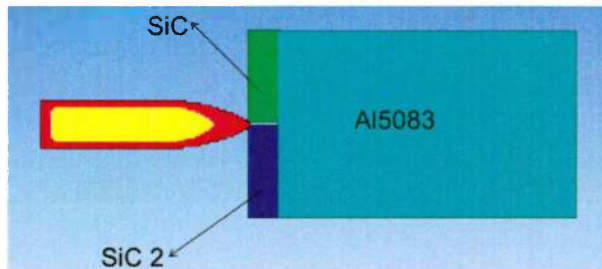


- ❑ Half-symmetric model is used in AutoDyn to simulate Depth of Penetration (DOP) experiments on SiC tile with and without a gap supported by solid Aluminum (Al5083)
- ❑ Impacts by .30cal AP-M2 projectile and are modeled using SPH elements in AutoDyn
- ❑ Center strike model validation runs with SiC tiles are conducted based on the DOP experiments described in reference - ARL-TR-2219, 2000
- ❑ Tile gap is found to increase the DOP as compared to baseline center impact
- ❑ Simulations were run on gap sizes 0.508 (20 mil) and 1.061 mm (40 mil) at the standard muzzle speed of 850 m/s
- ❑ DOP is the main measurement used to determine which geometry and configuration yield the best results.

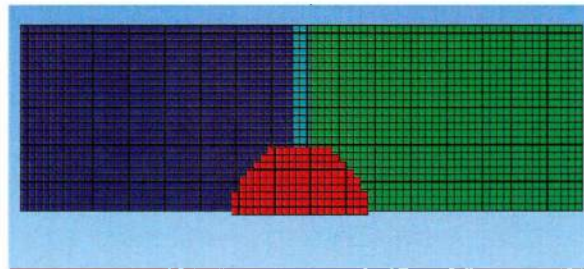
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Side View



Front View

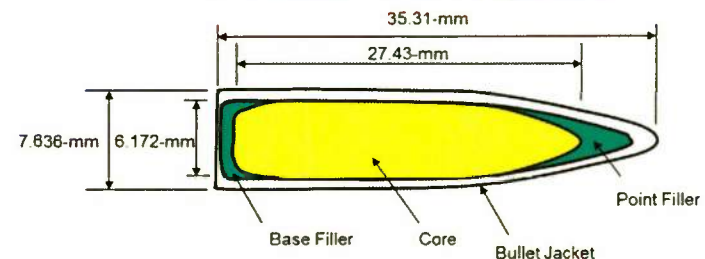


- Smoothed-particle hydrodynamics (SPH) used for all parts
  - SPH Size 0.4 used initially
  - SPH Size 0.2 used to capture smaller damaged particles
- SiC and SiC 2 are identical in properties and dimensions
  - Differentiated to show damage in each tile
- Clamp boundary condition used

## Material Models

MATERIAL	EOS	STRENGTH MODEL	FAILURE MODEL
Steel Core	Polynomial	Johnson & Cook	Johnson & Cook
Lead Filler	Gruneisen	Piecewise Johnson & Cook	N/A
Copper Jacket	Linear	Piecewise Johnson & Cook	N/A
SiC Ceramic	Polynomial	JH-2	JH-2
Aluminum	Polynomial	Johnson & Cook	Johnson & Cook
S-Glass/Phenolic	Linear	LS-DYNA MAT162	LS-DYNA MAT162
Polymeric Foam	Linear	Non-linear Elastic	N/A
Adhesives & Interlayers	N/A	Cohesive Laws	Cohesive Laws

## .30cal AP-M2 Projectile



Component	Material	Weight (g)
Jacket	Gilding Metal	4.2
Core	Hardened Steel - RC 63	5.3
Point Filler	Lead	0.8
Base Filler	Lead	0.5
<b>Total Weight</b>		<b>10.8</b>



# MATERIAL PROPERTIES: AI 5083 AND SiC



## Experimental AI 5083

Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2.65
Tensile Strength (MPa)	377.1
Yield Strength (MPa)	318.5
Elongation (%)	9.3

## Experimental SiC

Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3.20
Elastic Modulus (GPa)	455
Shear Modulus (GPa)	195
Longitudinal Wave Velocity (km/s)	12.3
Poisson's Ratio	0.14
Hardness (kg/mm <sup>2</sup> )	2700
Compressive Strength (MPa)	3410

Ref:  
MTL TR-86-14, 1986.  
ARL-TR-2219, 2000.

## AutoDyn SiC

Equation of State	Polynomial
Reference density	3.21500E+00 (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bulk Modulus A1	2.20000E+12 (ubar)
Parameter A2	3.61000E+12 (ubar)
Parameter A3	0.00000E+00 (ubar)
Parameter B0	0.00000E+00 (none)
Parameter B1	0.00000E+00 (none)
Parameter T1	2.20000E+12 (ubar)
Parameter T2	0.00000E+00 (ubar)
Reference Temperature	2.93000E+02 (K)
Specific Heat	0.00000E+00 (erg/gK)
Thermal Conductivity	0.00000E+00 ( )
Strength	Johnson-Holmquist
Shear Modulus	1.93500E+12 (ubar)
Model Type	Segmented (JH1)
Hugoniot Elastic Limit, HEL	1.17000E+11 (ubar)
Intact Strength Constant, S1	7.10000E+10 (ubar)
Intact Strength Constant, P1	2.50000E+10 (ubar)
Intact Strength Constant, S2	1.22000E+11 (ubar)
Intact Strength Constant, P2	1.00000E+11 (ubar)
Strain Rate Constant, C	9.00000E-03 (none)
Max. Fracture Strength, SFMAX	1.30000E+10 (ubar)
Failed Strength Constant, ALPHA	4.00000E-01 (none)
Failure	Johnson Holmquist
Hydro Tensile Limit	-7.50000E+09 (ubar)
Model Type	Segmented (JH1)
Damage Constant, EFMAX	1.20000E+00 (none)
Damage Constant, P3	9.97500E+11 (ubar)
Bulking Constant, Beta	1.00000E+00 (none)
Damage Type	Instantaneous (JH1)
Tensile Failure	Hydro (Pmin)

## AutoDyn AI 5083

Equation of State	Linear
Reference density	2.70000E+00 (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bulk Modulus	5.83300E+11 (ubar)
Reference Temperature	2.93000E+02 (K)
Specific Heat	9.10000E+06 (erg/gK)
Thermal Conductivity	0.00000E+00 ( )
Strength	Johnson Cook
Shear Modulus	2.69200E+11 (ubar)
Yield Stress	1.67000E+09 (ubar)
Hardening Constant	5.96000E+09 (ubar)
Hardening Exponent	5.51000E-01 (none)
Strain Rate Constant	1.00000E-03 (none)
Thermal Softening Exponent	8.59000E-01 (none)
Melting Temperature	8.93000E+02 (K)
Ref. Strain Rate (/s)	1.00000E+00 (none)
Strain Rate Correction	1st Order
Failure	None
Erosion	None
Material Cutoffs	-
Maximum Expansion	1.00000E-01 (none)
Minimum Density Factor	1.00000E-05 (none)
Minimum Density Factor (SPH)	2.00000E-01 (none)
Maximum Density Factor (SPH)	3.00000E+00 (none)
Minimum Soundspeed	1.00000E-04 (cm/s)
Maximum Soundspeed (SPH)	1.01000E+20 (cm/s)
Maximum Temperature	1.00000E+16 (K)





- ☐ Mesh sensitivity analyses were performed to show fracture and determine particle size
- ☐ Initial AutoDyn Models were developed

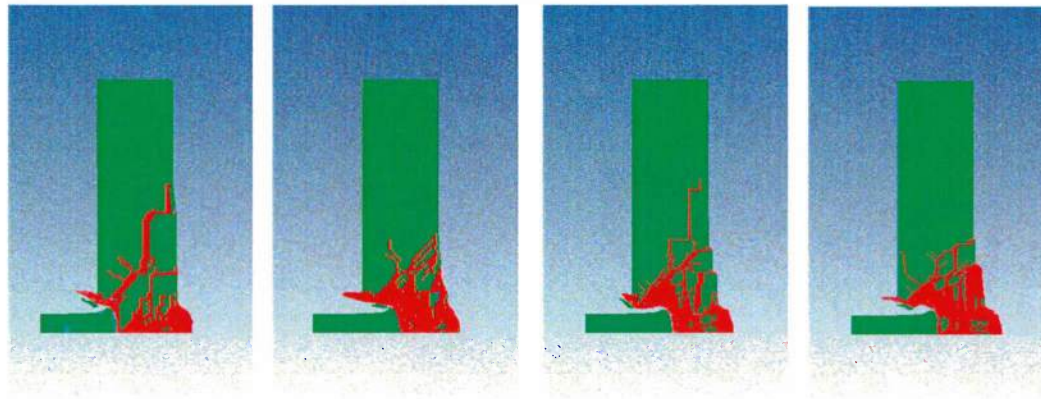
## **RESEARCH SUMMARY**

### **FEBRUARY 2013 - AUGUST 2013**

# MESH SIZE ANALYSIS



## Fracture at Varying Mesh Size



0.50-mm

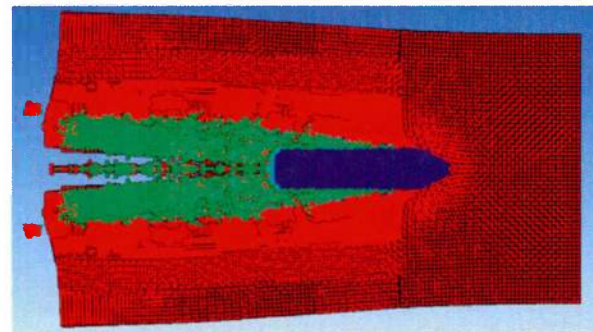
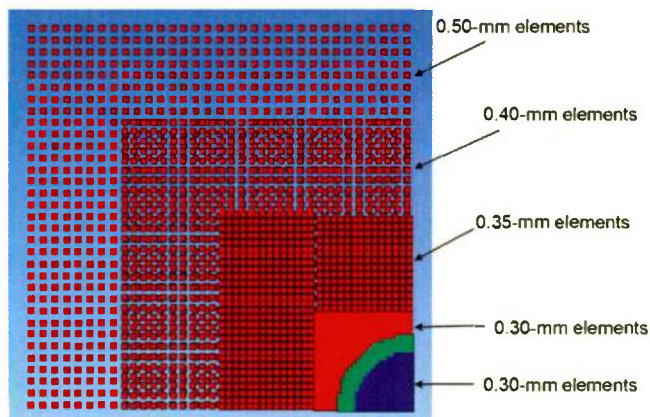
0.40-mm

0.30-mm

0.20-mm

- SPH particle size of 0.4 mm determined to be sufficient in capturing the damage of the ceramic tile
  - Later simulations SPH size is changed to 0.2 mm to capture more of the damaged particles

## Multiple Mesh Size Failure

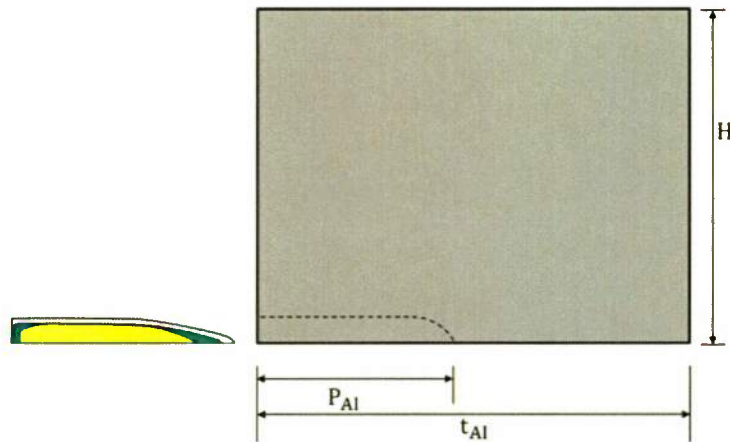


- Combining multiple mesh sizes in one simulation fails
  - Due to stress wave propagation causing deflection
  - Softening and damage modes that are occurring differently in the different mesh sizes

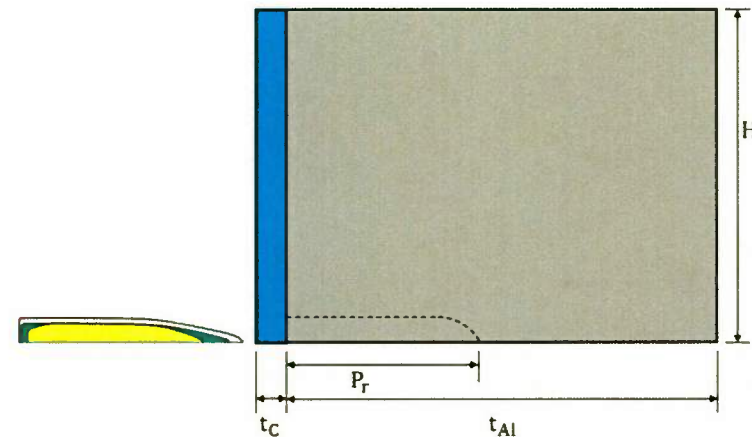
# IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEM



## MONOLITHIC Al5083



## SiC TILE SUPPORTED BY Al5083



- ❑ Two projectile IGES geometry files are provided by ONR.
- ❑ Quarter-symmetric model is used in AutoDyn to simulate DOP experiments on aluminum targets and ceramic-faced aluminum targets with .30cal AP-M2 projectile using SPH

## AUTODYN QUARTER-SYMMETRIC MODEL



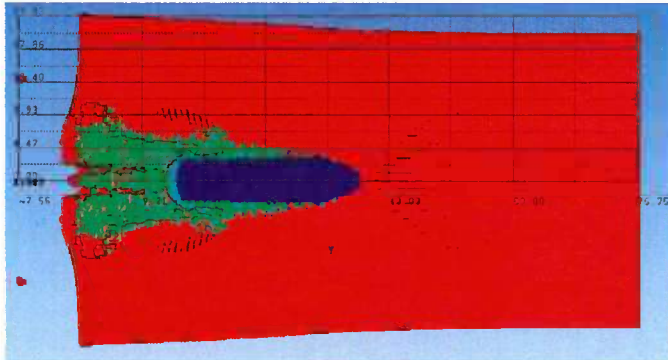
- ❑ SPH used for all parts
- ❑ Particle size = 0.30-mm totaling 351k elements
- ❑ Static boundary condition used at end of aluminum to secure the target
- ❑ Material strength and damage properties will be varied to validate ARL DOP data in future



# SIMULATION OF ARL DOP EXPERIMENTS



## MONOLITHIC AI5083

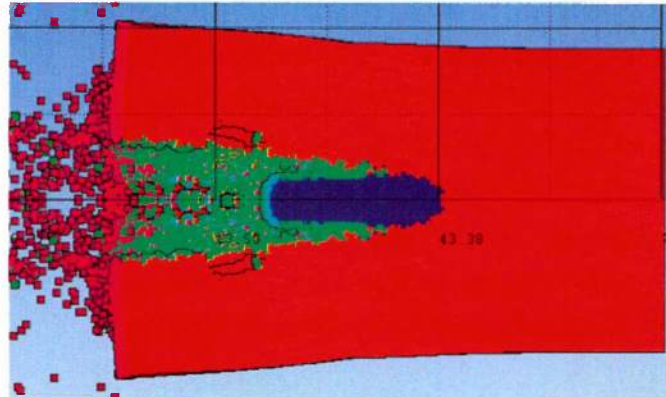


AutoDyn DOP = 37.8 mm

Experimental DOP = 33.8 mm

Difference = 11.8%

## SiC TILE SUPPORTED BY AI5083



AutoDyn DOP = 42.4 mm

Experimental DOP = 40.1 mm

Difference = 5.7%

- ☐ Simulate DOP experiments in AutoDyn to compare to ARL data
- ☐ Conclusion: Reasonable results since yaw and pitch are not considered in AutoDyn or ARL
- ☐ Stress wave propagation in the target causes the target to split
  - ☐ To control for this a static boundary condition is added to all walls of the target





- ☐ Simulation details
- ☐ Baseline monolithic AI5083
- ☐ Improved seam design simulations

# **RESEARCH SUMMARY**

## **SEPTEMBER 2013 – MARCH 2014**

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# SIMULATION DETAILS

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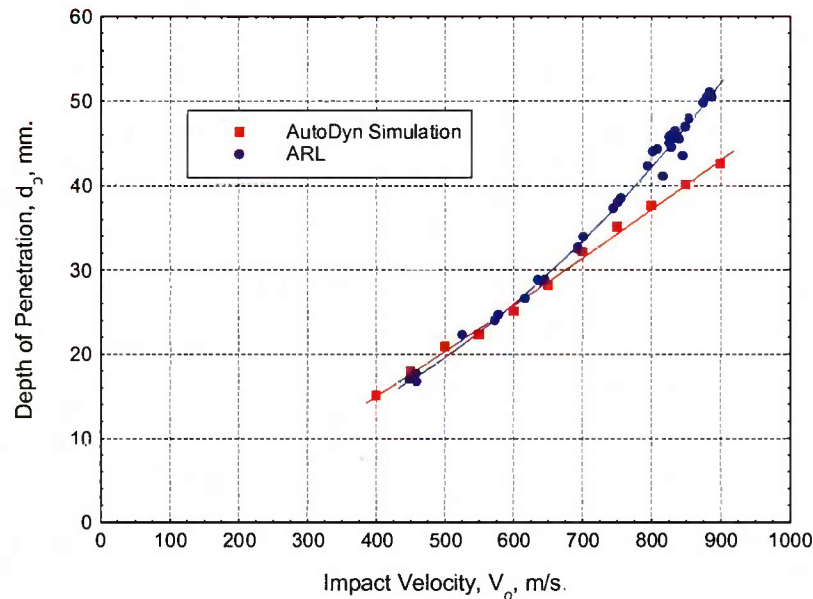


- ❑ Simulations are now incorporating gaps in the tiles to simulate cracks
- ❑ Both tiles are SiC but are modeled as two separate materials with the same properties to allow for easy differentiation of the damage
- ❑ DOP is calculated by :  $DOP = L - L_{NP}$
- ❑ Where  $L$  is the length of the entire target, ceramic tiles and AL5083 backing
- ❑  $L_{NP}$  is the length of the target left unpenetrated when the velocity and kinetic energy of the projectile core have reached zero

# MONOLITHIC Al5083 DOP AT SPH SIZE 0.2 COMPARED WITH ARL DATA

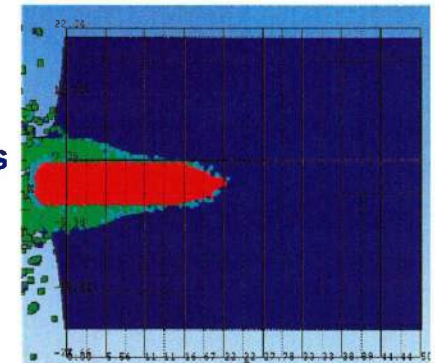


Monolithic Al5083 DOP	
Velocity (m/s)	DOP (mm)
400	15.0
450	17.9
500	20.8
550	22.2
600	25.0
650	28.1
700	32.1
750	35.0
800	37.5
850	40.0
900	42.5

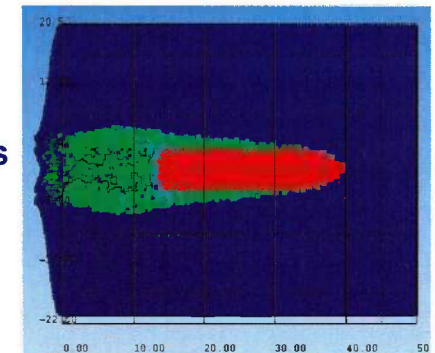


- ☐ Simulate monolithic Al5083 with the intent to compare to the ARL data and use as a baseline result
- ☐ Simulation results do not show the same trend as the ARL experimental data
- ☐ Simulations will be extended over a larger range of Impact Velocities
- ☐ Material properties may be edited if the properties do not match the material properties used in the ARL experiments

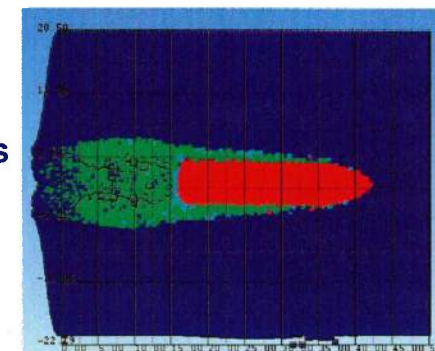
550 m/s



850 m/s

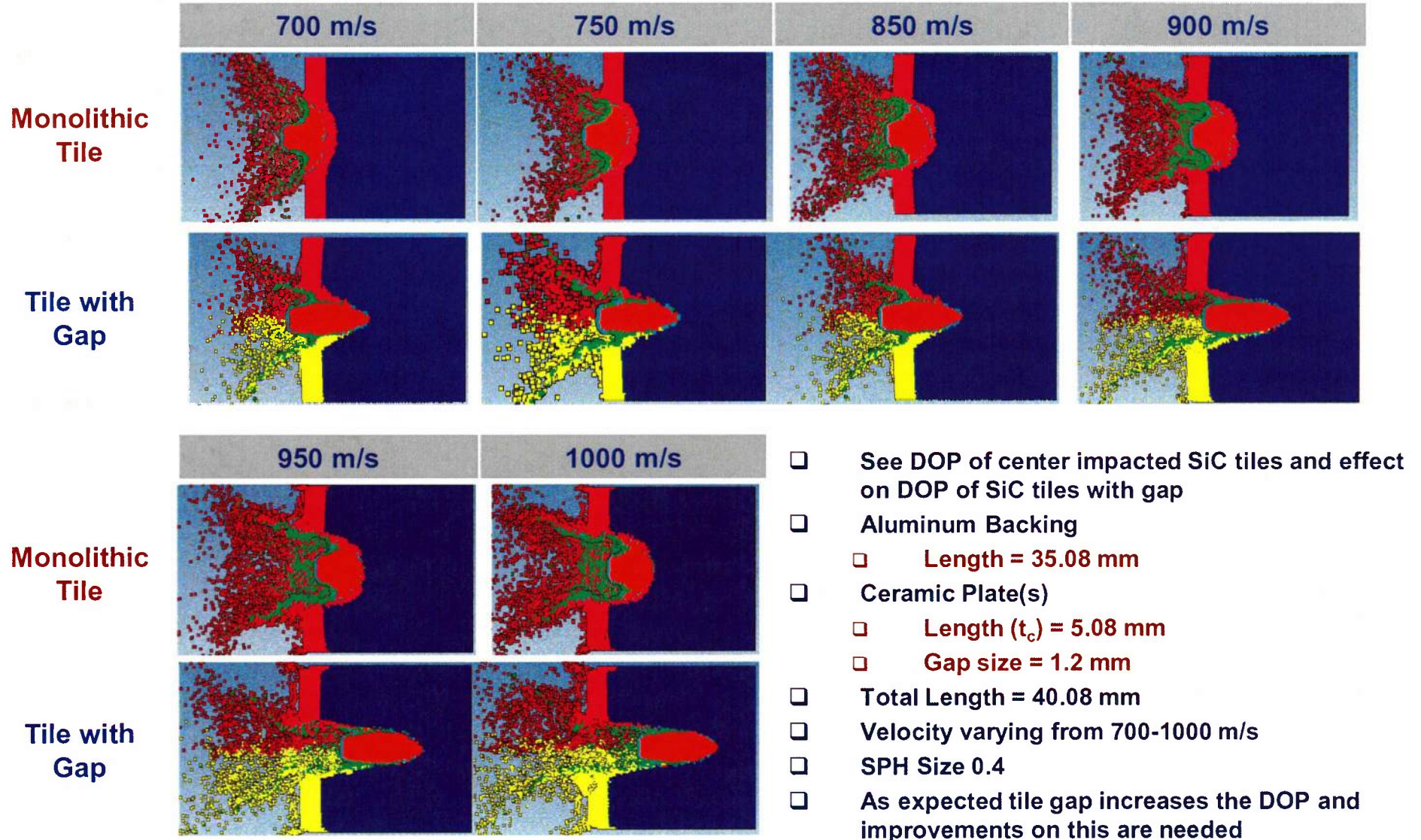


900 m/s



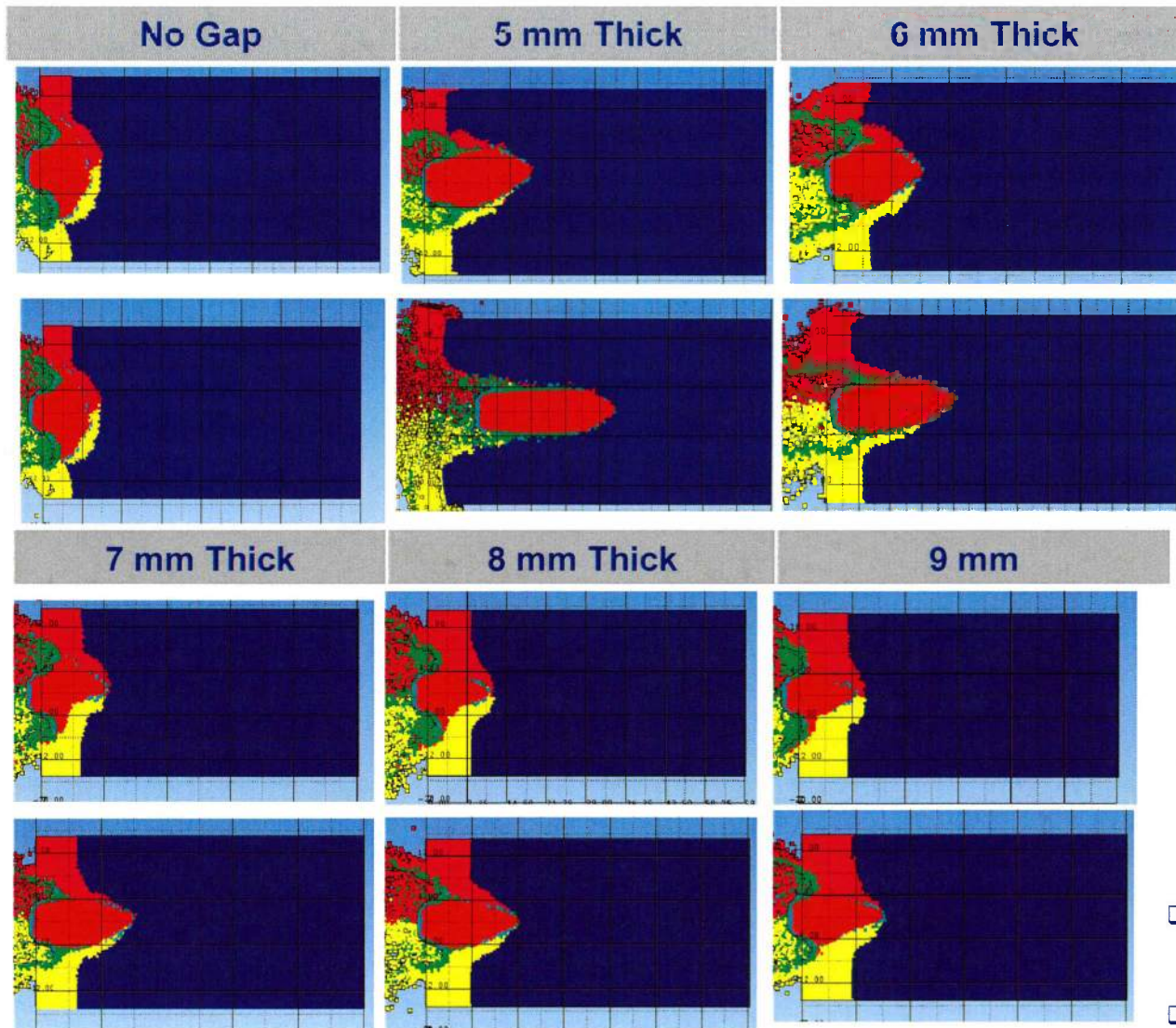


# SIMULATING EFFECT OF TILE GAP ON DOP

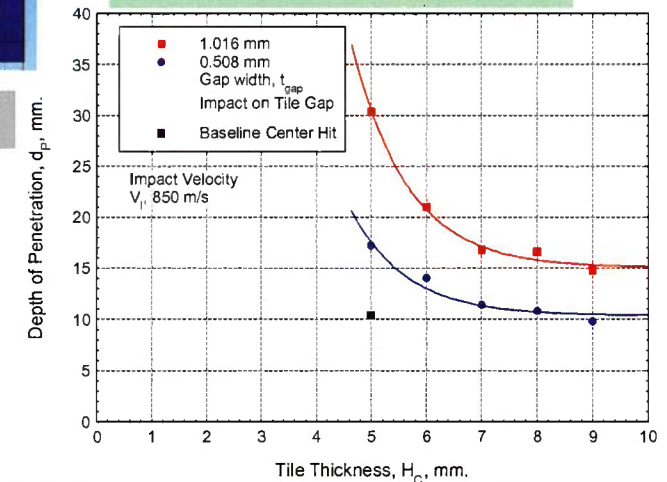




# EFFECT OF TILE THICKNESS ON DOP AT 850m/s GAP SIZE 0.508mm AND 1.016mm



Depth of Penetration on Baseline Tiles and Modified Tiles at 850 m/s		
Tile Thickness $H_c$ (mm)	Depth of Penetration, $d_p$ , 0.508 mm Gap Size (mm)	Depth of Penetration, $d_p$ , 1.061 mm Gap Size (mm)
5 (Baseline, No Gap)	10.3	10.3
5	17.2	30.3
6	14.0	21.0
7	11.4	16.8
8	10.8	16.6
9	9.8	14.8



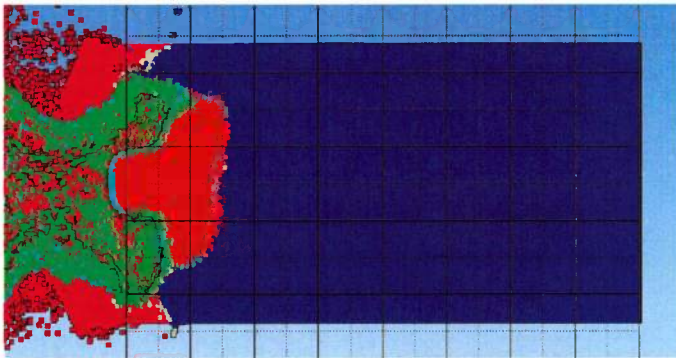
- ❑ When the gap is held at 1.016 mm the baseline DOP of a center impacted tile cannot be effectively achieved
- ❑ A gap size of 0.508 mm allows the baseline to be achieved and gap size of 0.508 mm will be the gap size in use moving forward



# ADHESIVE LAYER EFFECT IN AUTODYN



## Center Impacted Single Tile

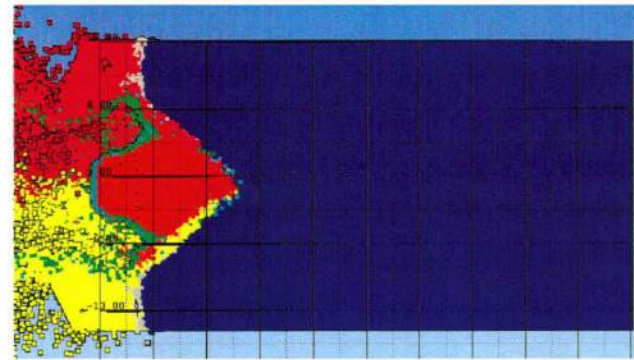


**Adhesive Layer DOP Compared to No Adhesive Layer DOP, Gap 0.508 mm**

Adhesive Layer DOP (mm)	Baseline Center Impact with no Adhesive DOP (mm)
10.1	10.3

- ☐ An adhesive layer of Epoxy Resin was added in between the SiC tile and the Al backing
- ☐ The tile remained 5 mm thick

## Impact on a Tile with 0.508 mm Gap



**Adhesive Layer DOP Compared to 0.508 mm Gap with No Adhesive DOP**

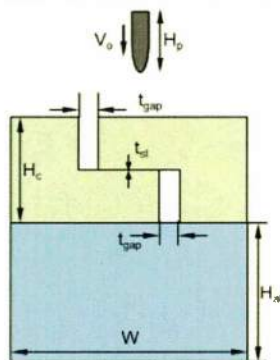
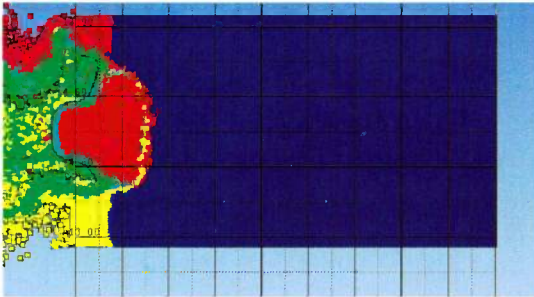
Adhesive Layer DOP (mm)	Tile Gap 0.508 mm with No Adhesive DOP (mm)
13.9	17.2

- ☐ An adhesive layer of Epoxy Resin was added in between the SiC tile and the Al backing
- ☐ The tile remained 5 mm thick and the gap size at 0.508 mm to compare when no adhesive was added

# STEP LADDER SEAM DESIGN

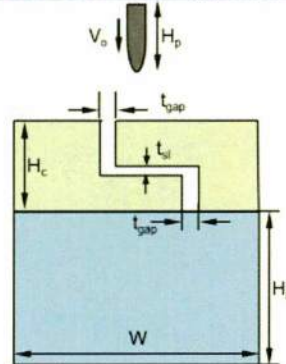
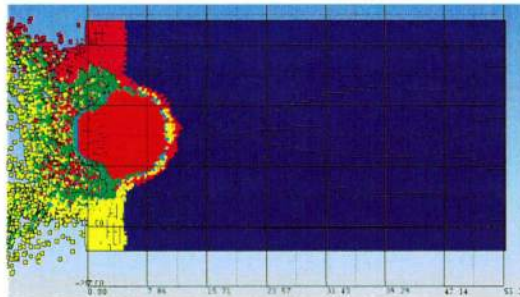


CENTER IMPACTED STEP LADDER  
 $t_{sl} = 0$



Part			
$V_o$	850 m/s	$t_{sl}$	0 mm
$H_p$	35.31 mm	$H_{al}$	50 mm
$t_{gap}$	0.508 mm	$W$	30 mm
$H_c$	5 mm		

CENTER IMPACTED STEP LADDER  
 $t_{sl} = 0.2$



Part			
$V_o$	850 m/s	$t_{sl}$	0.2 mm
$H_p$	35.31 mm	$H_{al}$	50 mm
$t_{gap}$	0.508 mm	$W$	30 mm
$H_c$	5 mm		

Step Ladder DOP

Step Ladder $t_{sl} = 0$ mm DOP (mm)	Step Ladder $t_{sl} = 0.2$ mm DOP (mm)	No Step Ladder DOP, Gap Size 0.508 mm (mm)	Baseline Center Impacted One Tile
9.2	11.8	17.2	10.3

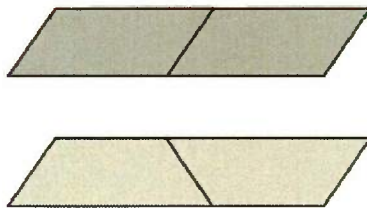
- An Step Ladders were created according to the schematics with presented specifications
- The tile remained 5 mm thick and the gap size at 0.508 mm to compare to the baseline results
- The DOP results are compare against center impacted single tile and standard 0.508 mm gap between two tiles



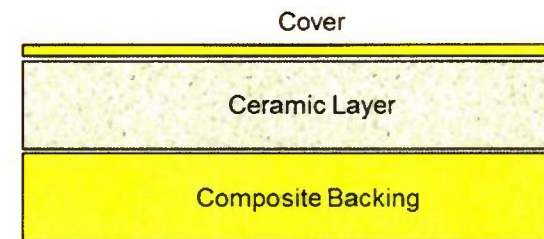
# FUTURE WORK



- ☐ Angled Seams (a) and Cover plates (b) are proposed seam designs to be tested in the future
- ☐ Continued modeling and experimental tests will down select for the best solution and improvement to seam design
- ☐ Modeling will move from AutoDyn to LS-DYNA for increased computational power and the ability to model complex geometries
- ☐ Baseline performance seam assessment (2 ft x 2 ft panels)
  - ☐ **Sintered 4'sq. SiC (Superior Graphite) on Kevlar/Phenolic with 2-ply cover**



(a) Angled Seam



(b) Cover Plate